

## THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

*Celebrant* Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.  
*People* **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **Luke 19:28-40**

After telling a parable to the crowd at Jericho, Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

**"Blessed is the king  
who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Peace in heaven,  
and glory in the highest heaven!"**

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

***All:* It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.***

*Celebrant* Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
*People* **Hosanna in the highest.**

***The Procession***

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in peace.  
*People* In the name of Christ. Amen.

**Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 Responsively at the asterisk**

1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; \* **his mercy endures for ever.**  
2 Let Israel now proclaim, \* **"His mercy endures for ever."**  
19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; \* **I will enter them;**  
**I will offer thanks to the LORD.**  
20 "This is the gate of the LORD; \* **he who is righteous may enter."**  
21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me \* **and have become my salvation.**  
22 The same stone which the builders rejected \* **has become the chief cornerstone.**  
23 This is the LORD'S doing, \* **and it is marvelous in our eyes.**  
24 On this day the LORD has acted; \* **we will rejoice and be glad in it.**  
25 Hosannah, LORD, hosannah! \* **LORD, send us now success.**  
26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; \* **we bless you from the house of the LORD.**  
27 God is the LORD; he has shined upon us; \* **form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.**  
28 "You are my God, and I will thank you; \* **you are my God, and I will exalt you."**  
29 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; \* **his mercy endures for ever.**

*The assembly may go inside the church to the pews.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**All: Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Processional Hymn – *"All glory, laud and honor"*

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